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The duties, rights and powers of the Guardian ad Litem are governed by the Idaho Child Protective Act, specifically [16-1633](#) [1] and [16-1634](#) [2]. [Idaho Juvenile Rule 35](#) [3] also outlines the purpose, function and responsibilities of the volunteer. Guardians ad Litem are appointed to a case as outlined in Idaho Code section [16-1614](#) [4].

Among other duties, I.C. [16-1633](#) [1] explains the Guardian ad Litem is required to conduct an independent factual investigation of the circumstances of the child to file with the court a written report stating the results of the investigation and such other information as the court may require.

[Juvenile Rule 35](#) [3] sets out the topics a volunteer must cover prior to being sworn in by the judge. Topics include court processes, dynamics of families, relevant state and federal laws, confidentiality and child development, among others. [Rule 35](#) [3] also outlines the background process every volunteer must complete in order to ensure the safety and protection of the child assigned to the Guardian ad Litem program.

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[1] <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title16/T16CH16SECT16-1633.htm>

[2] <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title16/T16CH16SECT16-1634.htm>

[3] <http://isc.idaho.gov/ijr35>

[4] <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title16/T16CH16SECT16-1614.htm>